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## Message from the Mayor

On Monday, August 28, I announced that I am extending the 10 p.m. curfew for youth 16 and younger that was put into place last month to help combat crime.

The earlier curfew hours that we instituted last month have been helping to protect our young people. Also, crimes committed by youth 16 and younger dropped **46 percent** since the earlier curfew was enacted.

The Chief and I heard from parents and from others who felt that the earlier curfew is working and who encouraged us to extend it. I hope that with the start of the school year, parents will continue to urge that their children participate in organized, safe activities when they are not in school.

In accordance with the Council-passed Enhanced Crime Prevention and Abatement Emergency Amendment Act of 2006, which gave the Mayor the authority to set alternative curfew hours, notification has been given to Advisory Neighborhood Commissions and the public. The alternative curfew hours will expire at 11:59 pm on Thursday, September 28, 2006.

Below are some frequently-asked questions and answers about the curfew:

### Does the curfew law apply to non-District residents?

Yes. The curfew law applies to all persons 16 and younger who are in the District of Columbia during curfew hours. This includes both District residents as well as young people who reside elsewhere.

### How will the law be enforced?

Anyone 16 and younger who violates curfew will be detained by the Metropolitan Police Department. In most cases, the juvenile will be taken to one of two Curfew Centers operated by the DC government:

- Douglass Community Center; 2100 Stanton Terrace, SE
- Reeves Municipal Center Second Floor Community Room; 14th and U Streets, NW

A parent, legal guardian, or other responsible adult will be contacted to pick up the child immediately. If not picked up by 6 am, the juvenile will be handed over to the DC **Child and Family Services Agency**. Juveniles age 12 and younger who are picked up on curfew violations will immediately be turned over to the CFSA.

### What are the penalties for violating the law?

A parent or legal guardian of a juvenile 16 and younger commits an offense if he or she knowingly permits, or by insufficient control allows, the minor to violate the curfew law. Any adult who violates the Juvenile Curfew Act is subject to a fine not to exceed \$500 or community service. A minor who violates curfew may be ordered to perform up to 25 hours of community service.

### Persons 16 and younger are exempt from curfew if they:

- Accompany a parent or guardian or any person age 21 or older
- Complete an errand at the direction of a parent or guardian, without detour or stop
- Ride in a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel
- Work or return home from a job, without detour or stop
- Become involved in an emergency
- Stand on a sidewalk that joins their residence or the residence of a next-door neighbor, if the neighbor did not complain to police
- Attend an official school, religious, or other recreational activity sponsored by the District of Columbia, a civic organization, or other similar group that takes responsibility for the juvenile (this includes traveling to and from the activity)
- Exercise their First Amendment rights protected by the **US Constitution**, including the free exercise of speech, religion, and right of assembly

### What alternative programs are there for young people?

The District of Columbia has a variety of programs and centers that serve young people seeking alternatives to being on the streets, including social, educational, recreational, and counseling services. For more programs, call the District's Answers Please! helpline at 463-6211 or online at [answersplease.dc.gov](http://answersplease.dc.gov).



## AGENCY WEBSITES

Department of Human  
Services

Office of Tax and  
Revenue

Department of Parks and  
Recreation

Department of  
Employment Services

Metropolitan Police  
Department

Office of Boards and  
Commissions

Commission on the Arts  
and Humanities

## LINKS TO OTHER WEBSITES

Hands on DC

DC Convention and  
Tourism

DC Public Library



# Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute Elects New Youth Mayor

Nicole Newman, a 15 year-old junior at St. Johns College High School in Northwest DC, was elected the new youth Mayor for the District of Columbia. Approximately 235 youth from the Department of Employment Services' Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute (MYLI) participated in the election that was held on August 9. Nicole will serve a one-year term which began on August 11.

Nicole served as Youth City Administrator before deciding to run for Youth Mayor at the beginning of the 2006 Summer Youth Employment Program. The MYLI elections are modeled after city government elections. Nicole, who competed with two other participants for this title, ran on the platform theme of "Make a promise. Keep a promise," adding that there is tremendous need for leadership and diversity in the District of Columbia.

Nothing can be more pleasing to parents than to see children making noticeably positive strides in their lives. Our youth programs, particularly the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute, give young people access to opportunities for life-long learning. Youth Mayors have a unique opportunity to positively impact their communities and their peers.

MYLI is a year-round, four level program designed to train District youth in leadership and self-development. The program offers young leaders an enhanced view of government operates by replicating the DC government and shadowing local government officials. Youth mayors have traveled with me and other senior government officials to several countries, including Belgium and Italy, as well as participated in the annual Citizen Summits, my State of the District Address, youth summits, and various community events.

For more information on the Mayor's Youth Leadership Institute, call the Department of Employment Services at (202) 724- 2100.

## District Residents Urged to Donate Blood

In response to the critical shortage of blood supplies in the Washington area, I urge District residents to roll up their sleeves and donate blood.

Donating blood only takes a few minutes but it could help save someone's life. I ask people to either donate themselves or remind a family member or a friend to give blood. The supply of blood at our local hospitals is dangerously low. Trauma victims, premature infants, cancer patients and people with blood disease are among the many patients who depend on a steady blood supply to survive.

Blood donations are needed year round but the supply often runs short during August when many people are enjoying the last of their vacations and are out of town. The Red Cross organizes a regular series of blood drives across the region and is offering several next week. In addition, residents can easily schedule a donation at the fixed site, which is at 2025 E Street, NW. You can enter your zip code at [givelife.org](http://givelife.org) to find the location of a blood drive near you.

## Five Students Presented with College Scholarship Awards from the Washington DC Police Fund

Five college students from the Washington, DC area who have demonstrated strong academic achievement and leadership skills have been recognized by the **Washington DC Police Fund** with scholarship awards named in honor of Metropolitan Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey, for his dedication to youth crime prevention, opportunity and development.

The students and their families were honored at MPD Headquarters last Friday during a ceremony attended by Chief Ramsey, representatives of the Police Fund, and other supporters. Each of the students is receiving a \$1,000 scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

The Washington DC Police Fund is an innovative 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization dedicated to improving public safety and enhancing youth opportunity throughout the District of Columbia. Supported by DC-area business and civic leaders, the Police Fund provides financial resources and other support to enhance the MPD's crime solving ability and to promote community policing. Much of the grant funding has been directed to a host of youth violence prevention projects across the District.

The college scholarship program was announced at the Police Fund's Awards Ceremony in June. The five recipients were all recommended by MPD officials for their academic achievement and leadership. Three of the students were counselors this summer at the Police Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Washington's Camp Brown and were recommended by Lieutenant Daniel Ewell, who co-directs the Camp. The other two students were recommended by School Resource Officer Neva Taylor, who knew the students through her work with youth at Spingarn Senior High School.

Following are brief profiles of the five scholarship recipients:

- **DaRon Seigler** is a senior at Morgan State University, where he is an elementary education major. A product of the DC Public Schools, DaRon wants to be a teacher himself. He credits a former sixth-grade teacher, Valdez Mumford, for helping give him positive direction and support at a critical time in his life. This summer DaRon was a counselor at Camp Brown.
- **Sherry M. White** is a senior at East Tennessee State University, also majoring in elementary education. She credits her mother's support and love for much of her success. Sherry plans on teaching after graduation. She, too, was a Camp Brown counselor this summer.
- **Ashley Cook** is a junior at Morgan State University, majoring in physical education. She has worked at Camp Brown for the past five summers, either as a counselor or in other support roles.
- **Amber Johnson** is a freshman entering Shaw University in Durham, NC. She graduated from Spingarn High in June 2006 and plans to major in psychology.
- **Robert Reeder** also is an entering freshman at Shaw University. One of eight children, Robert credits the support of his grandmother, Louise Reeder, for his drive and success. He graduated from Spingarn High in June 2006.

Established in 2000 under the Federal City Council, the Washington DC Police Fund operates as an advised fund under the auspices of the Community Foundation for the National Capital Region.



## District Activities



Mayor Williams and Councilmember Jack Evans deliver remarks during grand opening ceremonies for the new Hotel Palomar near Dupont Circle.



On the first day of school, Mayor Williams read to children at the Arts and Technology Academy Charter School.

## Community News

- [Call for Entries: Arts and Humanities Commission Seeks Artwork for DC Art Bank Program](#)
- [DC Fire and Emergency Services Achieves Performance Milestone](#)
- [Mark Your Calendar: Recycle Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics October 28](#)

## Upcoming Events

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9/7	<b>Elder Fest</b> Freedom Plaza
9/7	<b>DCRA Ward 1 Day</b> 5:30 pm – 8 pm Bruce-Monroe Elementary School 3012 Georgia Avenue, NW
9/8	<b>DiverseCITY Job Fair: Promoting Career Opportunities for Asians and Pacific Islanders</b> 10 am - 4 pm National Building Museum 401 F Street, NW
9/14	<b>OAPIA Business Forum: "Mind Your Business"</b> 9 am - 4 pm National Building Museum 401 F Street, NW, PC Suite

